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Por. Have by some Surgeon *Shilocke* on your charge,
To stop his wounds, lest he do bleed to death.

Jew. Is it so nominated in the Bond?

Por. It is not so exprest, but what of that?
Twere good you do so much for charity.

Jew. I cannot finde it, tis not in the Bond.

Por. You Merchant, have you any thing to say?

Ant. But little; I am arm'd and well prepar'd;
Give me your hand *Bassanio*, fare you well,
Greevenot that I am false to this for you:
For herein Fortune shoves her selfe more kind.
Then is her custome: it is still her use
To let the wretched man out-live his wealth,
To view with hollow eye and wrinkled brow,
An age of poverty: from which lingring pennance
Of such misery doth she cut me off.

Commend me to your honourable wife,
Tell her the proceffe of *Anthonio's* end,
Say how I lov'd you, speake me faire in death:
And when the Tale is told, bid her be judge,
Whether *Bassanio* had not once a Love:
Repent but you that you shall loose your friend,
And he repents not that he payes your debt:
For if the Jew do cut but deep enough,
He pay it instantly with all my heart.

Bass. *Anthonio*, I am married to a wife,
Which is as deere to me as life it selfe,
But life it selfe, my wife, and all the world,
Are not with me esteem'd above thy life.
I would lose all, I sacrifice them all
Here to this Devil, to deliver you.

Por. Your wife would give you little thanks for that,
If she were by to heare you make the offer.

Gra. I have a wife, who I protest I love,
I would she were in heaven, so she could
Intreat some power to change this currish Jew.

Ner. Tis well you offer it behind her back,
The wish would make else an unquiet house.

Jew. These

the Merch

Jew. These be the Christian h
Would any of the stocke of B
Had been her husband, rather
We trifle time, I pray thee pu

Por. A pound of that same
The Court awards it, and the

Jew. Most rightfull Judge.

Por. And you must cut thi
The law allowes it, and the Co

Jew. Most learned judge,

Por. Tarry a little, there is
This Bond doth give thee her

The words exprefly are a pou
Take then thy Bond, take the

But in the cutting it, if thou d
One drop of Christian blood,

Are by the Lawes of *Venice* c
Unto the State of *Venice*.

Grat. O upright Judge,
Marke Jew, O learned Judge.

Shy. Is that the Law?

Por. Thy selfe shalt see
For as thou urgest justice, be a

Thou shalt have justice more
Grat. O learned judge, ma

Jew. I take his offer then
And let the Christian go.

Bass. Here is the money.

Por. Soft, the Jew shall ha
He shall have nothing but the

Grat. O Jew, an upright Ju

Por. Therefore prepare the
Shed thou no blood, nor cut t

But just a pound of flesh: if th
Or lesse then a just pound, be i

As makes it light or heavie i
Or the division of the twenti

Of one poore scruple, nay if t